

September 5, 2018  
Municipal Building  
121 Evergreen Road  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Workshop Session of the meeting of the Plumsted Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Trotta.

**STATEMENT:** “This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was advertised for publication in the Asbury Park Press and posted on the bulletin board.”

**THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:**

COMMITTEEMAN JONES	COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI	DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK
MAYOR TROTTA	DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC	ATTORNEY KELLY
ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHAM		

Committeeman Lotito was not in attendance.

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and then there was a moment of silence.

Trotta reviewed the agenda. There were presentations for tonight. Trotta said, after a vote, we hope to appoint a full-time police officer and a Class II part-time police officer. We will be recognizing our fireworks contributors and volunteers. Trotta also advised there is a second reading and public hearing on two ordinances today, the salary ordinance that is revised as needed and the ordinance to freeze longevity for administrative employees.

There is an ordinance for introduction for bamboo as we’ve discussed in the past. Committeeman Marinari spoke about the ordinance. There is a question about maintaining weeds and specifically bamboo. Marinari felt this ordinance will do what it needs to be done. He stated that whatever the committee thinks, they can vote as they wish. Marinari feels it will help with bamboo and other weeds that are invasive. Trotta questioned the identification of the species. There are several types of species, not all of which are invasive. How will we identify it properly? Marinari commented it could be sent to the agriculture department who has a couple week turnaround time.

Marinari also brought up the issue of who will be maintaining the grounds. If we were to go with a person on our own next year to maintain the grounds, perhaps we should hire someone who could identify possible invasive species or have that person trained to do so. There are classes at Rutgers to learn about species. Marinari advised Animals and Gardens Unlimited called him to identify something over the phone which would be too difficult. Invasive bamboo is relatively easy to identify and Marinari would be happy to help with that.

Rutgers would charge for us to identify it. Mayor Trotta spoke about revising the ordinance to include any fees incurred would be the responsibility of the species identification. Attorney Kelly will add that to the ordinance. Plumsted has had two complaints to date. It is unsure if this will be an issue for any other residents.

The ordinance may still be introduced tonight but will be amended to add that wording for identification and cost. Deputy Mayor Sorchik clarified this ordinance is about all invasive plants, not just bamboo.

Committeeman Jones is concerned about the identification and the time taken away from Leutwyler if he has to enforce the ordinance. He feels that Leutwyler has a lot of responsibilities and it may require hiring another individual for that that specific job. Mayor Trotta asked the committee; it will be introduced as amended.

Trotta went through the rest of the agenda. He reviewed the resolutions. Also advised we would be interviewing two officers to hire tonight. And the other reports will be voted upon.

Committeeman Marinari spoke about the bill list. He will vote no on 18-00192 for Total Lawn Care and Landscaping for \$4475. He continues to have concerns about what was done for that amount. The fields may not have been cut as requested.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised that the safety inspections were passed by the JIF throughout the municipality and he thanked Leutwyler and Witham.

Trotta asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2018-247 for Executive Session. The following matters will be discussed: under personnel - interviews; under contractual - landscape terms; and under potential litigation – Rt 537/Hawkin Rd traffic signal problems and Jacobstown Road.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-247, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta called the regular session of the meeting to order.

#### **MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JULY 11, 2018 WAS APPROVED.

Committeeman Marinari noted a correction was needed where a sentence was cut off on one page. Minutes were approved as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **Certificate of Appointment – Full-Time Regular Police Officer**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-262 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SARAH PARIS AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE RESOLUTION 2018-262 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Sarah Paris came forward with her parents to take the oath of office. Her father held the Bible. Paris thanked Plumsted Police Department and those that came out that evening. She is excited to start her career here. Chief Meroney stated he was happy to have her on board as well.

##### **Certificate of Appointment – Part-Time Special Law Enforcement Class II Police Officer**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-263 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTIAN NEGRON AS A PART-TIME SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASS II POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE RESOLUTION 2018-263 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Christian Negrón came forward with his girlfriend to take the oath of office. His girlfriend held the Bible. Negrón thanked Plumsted Township PD, Chief Meroney, the committee and everyone else. He is looking forward to the opportunity as well. Chief Meroney also said that he would be a great asset to the township.

##### **2018 Rockin' Fireworks Recognition for Contributors/Volunteers**

Mayor Trotta called out those individuals/groups that contributed either monetarily or products/services. Jack Mallon came forward to accept a certificate on behalf of T&M Associates. Sandy Heller accepted on behalf of New Egypt Flea Market. Herb Marinari accepted certificates for PMBA and Big Woods. Marti Rulli was here for Bomar Printing; she does a lot of advertising, free of charge, for the event. Bill Fox accepted for the Plumsted Township Republican Club.

Mayor Trotta then called on the volunteers that gave time the day of the event. Scoutmaster Potter came forward to call Boy Scouts from Troop 9 and adults volunteers to present their certificates. The scouts help the day of the event and the day after with cleanup.

Finally, Trotta spoke about Dave Leutwyler. He is an employee but during the fireworks, he volunteers his own time for the event. Leutwyler also accepted a certificate. Mayor Trotta then spoke about Mike Wysong who chaired the event. He helped to raise funds, organized all of the vendors, took on the event this year and has never done that before. Wysong went above and beyond for this event. It will be his only year organizing this because he will be moving out of state. Mayor Trotta asked anyone that may be interested in chairing this event, please come forward and let Clerk Witham know. Committeeman Marinari also thanked the mayor for his support and dedication to the fireworks.

There was a 10 minute recess for pictures. Mayor Trotta called the meeting back to order.

## **ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-12.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12 – AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME”

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-12. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13 – AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47, SECTION 26 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “LONGEVITY”

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-13. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13 -- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47, SECTION 26 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “LONGEVITY” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

## **ORDINANCES: Introduction**

Mayor Trotta said Ordinance 2018-14 will be introduced as amended based on prior discussion tonight.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, 2018-14 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, REMOVAL OF” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMITTEEMAN JONES VOTED NO; ALL OTHER AYES.

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for the meeting of October 3, 2018.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ON A CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND SHALL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. SHOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SEEK SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM SHALL BE REMOVED AND DISCUSSED SEPARATELY. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE VOTE.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-248 - APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY FOR VARIOUS DATES SEPTEMBER 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-249 - AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES, GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVE BALANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-250 – TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2018-16 AUTHORIZING THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-251 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-70 DESIGNATING CUSTODIANS OF CHANGE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-252 RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY 2018 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-253 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED VACATION AND SICK DAYS FOR JOAN GRUCA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-254 – CANCELLING 2018 4<sup>TH</sup> QTR TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 8/01/18 FOR JASON M. EDEN (BLOCK 43, LOT 96.02)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-255 – APPOINTING PATRICIA STARZYNSKI AS A FULL-TIME CLERK TYPIST WITH OTHER JOB RELATED DUTIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-256 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES (BLOCK 34, LOT 3)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-257 – CANCELLING 2018 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 2/26/18 FOR FERDINAND J. BAUTISTA (BLOCK 47.03, LOT 34)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-258 – CANCELLING 2018 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 4/30/18 FOR JAMES P. MCDONAUGH (BLOCK 10, LOT 27)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-259 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-260 – CANCELLING 2018 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 4/01/18 FOR ROBERT E. CURTISS (BLOCK 55, LOT 196.01)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-261 – REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT FY2018 SPECIAL FUNDING - \$5,600.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-262 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SARAH PARIS AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-263 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTIAN NEGRON AS A PART-TIME SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASS II POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-264 – APPOINTING IRINA DARRAR AS A PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

All resolutions are voted on with the exception of Resolutions No. 2018-262 and 2018-263 as they were approved previously at the time of appointment.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2018-248 THROUGH 2018-264 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 2018-262 and 2018-263, WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

## **RESOLUTION**

There is an add-on resolution to the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-265 – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRUST FUND GRANT FY2019 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION 2018-265 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

## **MOTION TO CONSIDER:**

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED, ALL AYES: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2018-25 – ON PREMISE 50/50, WARRIOR BOOSTER CLUB; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2018-26 – ON PREMISE 50/50, LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE NEW EGYPT FIRE COMPANY; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2018-27 –

ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE NEW EGYPT FIRE COMPANY;  
RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2018-28 – ON PREMISE 50/50, BPOE #1454 FREEHOLD LODGE

## **REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE BILL LIST OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI VOTING NO ON #18-00192 FOR TOTAL LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING.

Marinari said that he will be voting no for PO # 18-00192 for Total Lawn Care & Landscaping as previously mentioned. Marinari also questioned field 18-00642 for Synatek for lawn care chemicals for the rec football field maintenance. Trotta believes it's the yearly order for same. Marinari asked if there was a certificate for them to purchase it; he believed they did. Leutwyler will look into it. Trotta also mentioned 18-00643 for New Egypt Electric for repairing lights on the football field. He doesn't know if this is the same issue or a second one. Trotta wants to be sure it isn't a separate issue. Leutwyler will look into it as well.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month – July, 2018; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – July, 2018; Recap Journal - July 2018; TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT May, June and July 2018; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – July 2018; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – July, 2018; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the committee. Committeeman Marinari brought up the wrestling posters that are all over town. Were they the same company? Leutwyler discussed. Marinari said they are on Rt. 539 and also at the Marketplace. If it is the same individuals as last year, then something should be done. Trotta agreed. There is a big, possibly wood sign, high up on the ground on the pole on Main Street. Trotta said on 539, there is an island near Nova Tile, they have one right there and it should be removed. There are two on 539 & 528.

Committeeman Marinari reached out to Superintendent North about setting up another meeting, still waiting to hear back from him.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised that we got our acceptance and compliance letter from the RERP, Radiological Emergency Response Plan. OEM and the Police Department applied for a grant and were successful. The township got two radios, about \$15,000 total and 160 traffic cones for \$2500. That's from the operating expense of Oyster Creek, not county tax dollars. He congratulated Linda Salcfas, Chief Meroney and his staff.

Committeeman Jones wanted to say that with summer coming to a close, kids are off to school tomorrow so watch buses and drop off of students. He thanked first responders for an incident at football. A football player was choking, 911 was called and the ambulance was there within 2 minutes. Apparently the boy had a seizure but thankfully the ambulance took care of him. He was very happy about that. A week later, he was home. His neighbor across the street needed an ambulance. Jones lives on the other side of Plumsted and said that it was maybe 5 minutes and the ambulance was there. Finally, Jones said he went to a lot of summer parties and he never saw so many lifeguards that were hired to watch the kids in the pool. He was happy to see that as well.

Public Safety Director Wendy Galloway said that he will be sure to have the sign at the Marketplace and Sweet Carolina to reflect school is in session and be mindful of buses and students. Witham added that it was showing this afternoon on that electronic sign.

Committeeman Marinari spoke to the Environmental Commission and said there is \$300 in the Sustainable NJ budget. His recommendation is to take that money out as they really haven't gotten that going.

Mayor Trotta said that Irina Darrar is here tonight. She will be working part time in the clerk's office and the construction office, and will serve as the Land Use Board secretary as well. Patricia Starzynski is also in attendance. She was appointed tonight to work full time in the construction office.

Trotta asked if there was any other public comment. Mayor of Upper Freehold Township, Steve Alexander came forward. He wanted to thank the township for the attempted help in the summer with their school security. Plumsted acted with much consideration to a neighboring town. On behalf of Upper Freehold, as well as the BOE, thank you. It meant a lot to them when they needed help. It didn't work out because of the statute but they appreciate it. Monmouth County Sheriff's Office will be able to help them now. He also thanked Chief Meroney and said that we are fortunate to have him.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other public comment; there was none.

Mayor Trotta asked if there was any further business. There was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Witham  
Acting Municipal Clerk